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AN INAUGURAL NOT TO BE MISUNDERSTOOD.

Those who heard, even better than those who will be privileged only to read President Taft's inaugural address, will indulge few misgivings about his purposes as Chief Magistrate. The tone of decision and finality with which he pronounced the significant sentences of the address conveyed to every hearer a conviction of the profound earnestness with which he meant every word of this statement:

I have had the honor to be one of the advisers of my distinguished predecessor, and as such to hold up his hands in the reforms he has initiated. I should be untrue to myself, to my promises, and to the declarations of the lawless and abuses of power, if I were to fail to support the great reforms of the great combinations of capital invested in railroads and in industrial enterprises. The steps which my predecessor took and the legislation have passed on his recommendation have accomplished much, have caused a general halt in the vicious policies which created a popular alarm, and have brought about in the business affected a much higher regard for existing law.

To render the reforms lasting, however, and to secure at the same time freedom from alarm on the part of those pursuing proper and constructive business methods further legislation and executive action are needed. Relief of the reforms and certain restrictions of the anti-trust law have been urged by my predecessor and will be urged by me. On the other hand, the Administration is pledged to legislation looking to a proper Federal supervision and action to prevent excessive issues of bonds and stocks by companies owning and operating interstate commerce railroads.

That was the keynote. It was developed in more detail, but at no time with less vigor. As to the tariff, the new President made it very plain that he expects downward revision—real revision. Altogether, he conveyed most emphatically the idea that he wants to crystallize into effective working legislation the high moral purposes of the Roosevelt Administration; to carry to completion much of the work which for want of time Mr. Roosevelt was not able to finish.

That the foreign policy will be as vigorous as ever under Taft, and that his specialized and intimate knowledge of the far East will inspire a close attention to everything in that field, was indicated most clearly. There will be no departure from the policy of maintaining army and navy at a point of power and efficiency which will command respect and assure security. The Administration is going to make a feature of its efforts to develop foreign commerce, to seek new markets, to establish the most satisfactory commercial relations in all quarters. In short, it is to be drawn from a study of Mr. Taft's inaugural that his intention is, with all the splendid abilities and experience with which he is equipped, to give the country the very best of progressive and constructive legislation and administration.

A GREAT "BEAT" WITH THE HELP OF WIRELESS.

Washington did not write under its isolation yesterday. It was the other cities that did the writing. The attention of all the world was centered upon the American Capital, and not a single telegraph wire was working for more than a moment at a time or sending any news to the outside world save the briefest of "flashes." Even messenger service to the nearest cities was checked by the delay and choking of all trains.

In this exigency, wireless telegraphy had an opening hardly less spectacular than that provided by the sinking Republic. Whatever was told the other great cities, including Baltimore and Philadelphia, or the installation of the new American President, had to be told by its help. The Washington Times, as one of the links in the Munsey chain, has particular satisfaction in knowing this morning that wireless served two of the other links of that chain—the News of Baltimore and the Evening Times of Philadelphia—with the only detailed information on the inauguration which went out from the Capital.

Soon as it was known that the wires were down, the Munsey management took over the service of the United Wireless Company and began to send to Baltimore. All morning long that service was exclusively occupied in keeping The Times and the Baltimore News in touch, save for two or three bulletins allowed the news associations. Occasional queries and replies made it unquestionable that this miracle was actually being performed and that where tangible, stubborn wires had failed the blizzard air, so to speak, was succeeding admirably.

But this meant little comfort for the Evening Times of Philadelphia. From Baltimore came the report that there was no wire connection between those two cities and no wireless service was available. Thereupon The Washington Times made known the situation to the

Navy Department, and through the courtesy of Admiral E. H. C. Leutze, commandant of the Washington Navy Yard, it was able to reach Philadelphia as it had already reached Baltimore.

By way of Atlanta, Ga., it is reported a few words were finally worked into Philadelphia and New York. But the only actual accounts of yesterday's highly important ceremony which went out from Washington on March 4, 1909, were those sent by wireless from this newspaper to its associated newspapers of the Munsey management. It was an achievement in which that management feels it may take the justifiable and worthy pride which consists in doing that which its competitors found impossible.

PENNSYLVANIA R. CO.'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Pennsylvania railroad's annual report shows how severe was the business depression in 1908. The gross earnings of the company decreased more than \$28,516,000. Even more striking was the huge saving in operating expenses, this entry having been cut some \$22,188,000, with the result that net earnings fell off only \$6,330,453.

The "Penny" is admittedly one of the best managed railroad properties in the United States. Its physical condition is second to none, and the company is, therefore, in position to obtain the best results from operations. Despite this fact, the showing is far from satisfactory and emphasizes that the last year was one of the worst through which the transportation and industrial interests ever passed. The new year has begun more auspiciously for the company, and there is reason to believe that, in common with other railroads, henceforth it will do materially better both as to gross and net earnings.

AN EVIL INHERITANCE IS DOUBLE-CROSSED.

The resignation of Dr. Crum, the negro collector of the port of Charleston, closes an incident which aroused about as much bad blood as any other during the Roosevelt Administration and which threatened to remain to vex Mr. Taft. It could not but have been embarrassing to the incoming President to deal with the Crum case.

Mr. Taft has made it quite plain that he does not intend to appoint to public office men who are objectionable to the people with whom they would be brought in contact. This rule would have barred the reappointment of Crum, because Charleston has made it very evident that it does not want negroes in Federal office. On the other hand, he would not have found it pleasant to indicate so soon that he disapproved of the stand taken by Mr. Roosevelt. The resignation of Collector Crum, who seems to have the good taste not to wish to see Mr. Taft placed in a position of this kind, has settled the matter in a satisfactory way.

The Crum appointment has not been without its lesson. It has shown that giving the negro a Federal office in the South does not help him. Mr. Roosevelt thought he was doing the race a real service when he named Crum to be collector of the port of Charleston, and the stronger the protest grew the stronger grew his determination to force the man on his city. Time has shown that he was mistaken. It was difficult for him to back down without leaving the negro in a worse position than he was before by the admission of a Republican President that objection to him on account of his color was good and sufficient reason for not appointing him to office. Having got into the fight, it was not an easy thing to get gracefully out of it. It is good to know that the new President will not inherit the quarrel.

If it weren't considered, in some very influential circles, a dangerous business to demonstrate that amendment of the Constitution is within the range of possibilities, this ought to fetch one for the change of inauguration day. But it will not take place. Too many cynical people would wonder if a change in inauguration date were really more important than popular election of Senators. The safe way, it will be duly decided, is to prevent the country setting into the notion that the Constitution can be changed.

Uneasy feeling continues to be felt in some quarters that he may have carried the big stick away with him.

Little hard on Washington to be in the dark all this time, but think how much harder it is on the rest of the world to be cut off from Washington at such a moment!

Finances of the State of New Jersey are in a frightful condition, it is reported, as a result of the depression in the trust organization business. Finances in several other places, however, are looking up, for exactly the same reason.

All hail to the bumblebee and the possum! A has the Teddy bear and the mollycoddle!

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Feb. 21. *Deborah* Secretary.

BEAUTIFUL GOWNS WORN AT INAUGURAL BALL LAST NIGHT
ADD MUCH BRILLIANCY TO THE SCENE IN PENSION BUILDING

(Continued from Sixth Page.)

white calico crepe embroidered in turquoise with pearl and diamond ornaments. Miss Zeigler in white chiffon; Mrs. Charles T. Turrell, white chiffon with white satin with coral ornaments.

Mrs. William A. Rodenberg, white satin dress trimmed with pearls and gold lace.

Mrs. John H. Rothermel, a princess gown of rose-colored crepe de chine, trimmed with cloth of silver.

Mrs. I. R. Sherwood.

Mrs. Isaac R. Sherwood, an empire gown of pale blue embroidered satin, with touches of point lace and silver sequins on the bodice. Her house guest, Mrs. James B. Sherwood, of Cleveland, Ohio, wore a white machine-trimmed gown with lace. Miss Katharine Sherwood, white crepe de chine, made empire, and trimmed with lace.

Mrs. John H. Small, a directoire gown of black satin, with a garniture of pince-nez on the bodice and cameo ornaments.

Mrs. William Sulzer, an imported gown of severely plain white satin.

Mrs. Charles T. Turrell, white chiffon lace over satin, trimmed with crystals, with diamond ornaments. Accompanying her, in an empire gown of pale blue satin with pearls; Mrs. E. H. Clapp, of Boston, in black jetté lace, with diamonds and diamond ornaments; Miss Lillian Clapp, of Boston, in white lace; Miss Mary Clapp, in pink silk, and Miss Ellen Brooks, of Boston, in pink silk.

Miss Wood, white lace robe, with touches of turquoise blue panne velvet on the bodice, with turquoise and diamond ornaments.

Mrs. Townsend's Gown.

Mrs. Richard H. Townsend was handsomely gowned in white chiffon velvet with the court train embroidered in gold. The skirt slashed to show an undergarment of chiffon, also embroidered in gold. A diamond tiara in her hair, and other ornaments of diamonds.

Miss Matilda Townsend wore a beautiful directoire gown of white and silver, with a garniture of silver gauze, and ornaments of diamonds.

Mrs. Lutz Anderson wore a beautiful princess robe of pale pink lace over silver gauze, with a diamond tiara, necklace, and corsage ornaments.

Mrs. J. Franklin Bell, wife of the Chief of State, wore a gown of white satin with bands of crystal embroidery and white and silver sequins, with touches of black and diamonds and pearls and a white aigrette tipped with diamonds in her hair.

Mrs. J. B. Bell, General Bell's wife, wore a rich black satin with a garniture of duchesse lace and diamond ornaments.

Mrs. H. J. Lutz, of New York, who is visiting General and Mrs. Bell, wore a princess gown of white satin brocade, with sleeves and skirt of black and silver, with touches of black and silver, and almost the entire bodice of silver gauze and crystal embroidery, with a diamond tiara and necklace. Miss Ida Van Voorhis, who is also visiting Mrs. Bell, wore an empire gown of black satin with touches of pale blue chiffon on the bodice.

Mrs. Charles S. Brownell, wife of the Governor of New York, wore an empire gown of white corded silk, embroidered in gold, with gold tissue and lace in the sleeves, with numerous corsage ornaments of diamonds.

Mrs. Joseph E. Thropp wore peach-blossom satin, made empire, with touches of black and silver on the bodice, and rhinestone and pearl ornaments. Her jewels were pearls and diamonds.

Mrs. Thomas C. Bourne was in a princess gown of white satin, trimmed with gold and gold ornaments.

Mrs. Charles Gould, of Philadelphia, wore a directoire gown of white and pink silk with trimmings of duchesse lace, pink and white. Her house guest, Miss Constance Wood, of Philadelphia, wore an imported gown of white crepe de chine, with bands of black and silver, with touches of black and silver, and a diamond tiara and necklace.

Mrs. Stanley Matthews wore a gown of white satin, embroidered in silver, with lace and diamonds on the bodice and skirt.

Mrs. John E. Rothermel, wife of the mayor of Philadelphia, wore a gown of pale pink silk, with a draped overdress of gray net, embroidered in black and silver, and diamond ornaments.

Mrs. Ricardo Salano, of Madrid, came in pink silk, made empire, and embroidered in silver, with touches of black and silver, and a diamond tiara in her hair.

Gown of Blue Satin.

Mrs. Thomas Anderson wore a gown of blue satin made directoire style and trimmed with gold lace. Silver touches of black and silver on the bodice, and a diamond tiara and necklace.

Anderson wore a gown of pink satin with trimmings of crystals and lace. Her jewels were a string of pearls and a diamond tiara.

Mrs. Reed Knox wore a gown of deep blue, with a corsage bouquet of mauve orchids.

Mrs. Henry C. Corbin, a directoire gown of white satin, embroidered in silver, with diamond ornaments.

Mrs. Charles A. Mum, black tulle over white satin, with touches of black and silver, and a diamond tiara and necklace.

Mrs. William L. Parsons, of New York, daughter of Lieutenant General Vorhies, an empire gown of pale blue satin, trimmed with silver, and diamonds.

Mrs. Tiffany Dyer, white satin embroidered in blue and white crystals with a necklace and other ornaments of diamonds.

Mrs. Elson Bradley, white satin with a band of rose point lace down the front, the top of the bodice and skirt of the same lace, and a number of diamond ornaments.

Mrs. Nathaniel Simpkins, gown of silver, with touches of black and silver, and a diamond tiara and necklace.

Mrs. Roswell D. Hitchcock, of New York, a white gown, with a pearl necklace and a corsage of pearls.

Mrs. Franklin Ellis, pale pink satin with a garniture of black and silver, and diamond ornaments.

Mrs. Harriet Homer Leland, of Saratoga, black lace and diamonds.

Mrs. Gage's Dress.

Mrs. Harriet Gage wore a handsome empire gown of ivory white satin, with corsage and skirt encrusted with pale pink crystals and pearls, the bodice finished with effective touches of rose point lace. Her jewels were pearls and diamonds.

Mrs. Margaret Gage wore a Paris gown of pastel pink satin, the skirt veiled with silver fillet lace and the bodice embroidered in seed pearls and encrusted with tiny silver butterflies.

Mrs. M. L. Weller wore white messaline satin and chiffon, with trimmings of point de Venise lace and pearls.

Mrs. J. C. Pittchard, of Asheville, N. C., wore a handsome gown of pale mauve satin, trimmed with silver, with touches of black and silver, and diamond jewels.

Mrs. Thomas W. Symons wore a handsome gown of sapphire blue velvet, embroidered in rhinestones, with effective touches of pale gold lace on the bodice and diamond tiara and necklace.

Mrs. Thomas L. Carey wore black

meteor satin, trimmed with jetted cloth of silver, and effective touches of duchesse lace and pale pink panne velvet. Miss Elizabeth B. B. Walsh, of Philadelphia, black meteor satin and chiffon, with black meteor satin on the bodice, and pearl ornaments. Miss Sara Welsh, of Philadelphia, wore black meteor satin, trimmed with cloth of silver and old lace.

Mrs. Spencer S. Wood wore an imported costume of white crepe de chine, beautifully embroidered and trimmed with antique lace.

Mrs. Robert J. Wynne wore white crêpe de chine, with a diamond tiara in her hair and a diamond necklace and corsage ornaments. Miss Ida Wynne wore a beautiful gown of pale yellow satin, with an overskirt of net, worked in gold and silver, with gold Gueland bands in her hair and pearl ornaments.

Mrs. John A. Logan.

Mrs. John A. Logan wore a handsome gown of pale mauve brocade satin and diamond ornaments. Her daughter, Mrs. Tucker, wore lavender satin brocade in gold with diamond ornaments.

Mrs. Charles T. Turrell, a beautiful gown of black crepe meteor satin, trimmed with crystals, and a diamond tiara in her hair. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. H. C. Merriam, who accompanied her, wore pale blue satin embroidered in gold.

Mrs. Frederick H. Benedict wore a gown of cream-colored satin, made empire style and embroidered in gold with rhinestone and emerald ornaments. She wore a diamond tiara brooch.

Mrs. Robert Shaw Oliver wore a gown of pearl gray brocade, the design of which was outlined with rhinestones. Miss Oliver wore a diamond tiara and a gown, trimmed with wide white, black, and gold.

Mrs. E. H. Robinson wore a gown of sapphire blue silk covered with pale touches of the same color with touches of silver lace and a blue and silver tiara in her hair.

Mrs. G. L. Gillespie wore a gown of white Venetian lace made over white crêpe de chine, with touches of black and a diamond collar and necklace of pearls.

Mrs. William Barrett Ridgely wore a gown of wistaria-colored chiffon velvet made princess style with trimmings of lace of the same shade and a diamond and emerald necklace with a diamond crescent in her hair.

Mrs. Vrooman wore a gown of pale blue, with touches of black and silver, and a diamond tiara and necklace.

Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh wore a striking costume of black chiffon velvet embroidered in gold with diamond ornaments and a diamond tiara and necklace.

Mrs. Ten Eyck Wendell wore a directoire gown of black satin embroidered in brilliant with pearls and diamond ornaments and a diamond crescent in her hair.

Mrs. W. S. Knox wore a beautiful black lace robe pailletted in black and silver, with touches of black and silver, and a diamond tiara and necklace.

Mrs. George Knox, a directoire gown of peach-blossom satin, with a tulle skirt, and a diamond tiara and necklace.

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White Messaline Satin.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harrell, of Raleigh, N. C., wore a beautiful gown of white messaline satin, with the bodice almost entirely covered with lace and embroidery.

Mrs. George Y. Wheeler wore a beautiful gown of white crepe de chine made over satin, and embroidered in gold. Mrs. Wheeler's house guest, Mrs. S. A. Morgan, of Pittsburgh, Pa., wore a gown of black velvet and point lace, and Mrs. T. H. Given, of Pittsburgh, Pa., wore a gown of black velvet and point lace.

Mrs. E. H. Robinson's gown was of crêpe de chine, with touches of black and silver, and a diamond tiara and necklace.

Mrs. Samuel L. Mattingly wore a beautiful princess gown of black je. Her daughter, Mrs. David D. Porter, was in a white satin gown made empire style, and trimmed with applique of rhinestones on the sleeves and bodice.

Mrs. Roscoe C. Bulmer wore a beautiful gown of white satin embroidered in gold.

Mrs. Marjorie Aleshire wore a gown of white messaline silk and lace.

Mrs. Nicholas Anderson wore a handsome Paris gown of white and silver, with touches of black and silver, and a diamond tiara and necklace.

Mrs. Ruth Edwards wore a white messaline gown with trimmings of gold lace on the bodice.

Mrs. Edwards was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Robinson, who wore a gown of white and silver, with touches of black and silver, and a diamond tiara and necklace.

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